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1. The Lebanese Foreign Minister Philippe Taqle has stated that, as long as he remains Foreign Minister, he will not withdraw recognition from the London Poles in favor of Warsaw. He also says that, after his retirement from Minister to deputy, he will oppose recognition of the Warsaw Government. President al-Khuri has given Polish Minister Zawadowski similar assurances, and states that he regards the present situation as solid, and one which he hopes will endure.
2. Of the almost 5,000 Polish refugees in Lebanon, only 88 have registered with UNRRA for repatriation to Poland. In view of the fact that 23 of these refugees belong to the Committee of Polish Citizens of the National Union, pledged to follow Warsaw's orders, it follows that only 65 refugees freely elected to return to Poland.
3. Those who registered, with the exception of William Rypik, who remained behind as an official representative of Warsaw to supervise any further repatriation, sailed from Beirut on 30 October on the Greek vessel RHODOS for Port Said, where they were taken to the UNRRA camp of al-Shatt. Here they joined a group from Palestine. All will shortly go to Naples, and then by rail to Poland.
4. Most of those Poles who have been closely collaborating with the Soviets have now left Lebanon. This emigration also so diminishes the Polish Communist Party in Lebanon as to leave doubtful the possibility of the Party's continued existence.
5. It is believed almost certain, however, that some Poles, secretly communist and devoted to Russia, have pretended to adhere to the London Poles in order that thereby they may be taken to England to serve Soviet and Polish intelligence. The London Poles in Lebanon are, consequently, being very carefully screened.

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